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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Possible Actions in Support of Vietnamization and Negotiations

To retain the initiative and capitalize on the enemy's confusion and losses resulting from allied operations in Cambodia, the President has directed that you submit your views with those of MACV and the JCS on possible follow-up actions to support our Vietnamization and negotiations objectives.

To provide the President with a set of meaningful alternatives, you should submit your assessment of the following proposals as well as any you might have:

-- an expansion of ARVN or RF-PF forces to cope with the border threat as well as to facilitate the redeployment of U.S. troops;

-- a new pacification offensive;

-- major operations against base areas in South Vietnam, for example, those in IV Corps that contain NVA regiments or that still provide support for major VC units near important populated areas;

-- special measures to secure the South Vietnamese-Cambodian border including, for example, the clearing of natural barriers or the use of special technological devices;

-- a blockade of shipping to Cambodia.

Please forward your views and supporting details to me by June 20, 1970.

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cc: The Secretary of State

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